

# The Burden of Tobacco in **Calumet County**

Population 43,765

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### **Smokers in Wisconsin and Calumet County**

|                                       | Wisconsin    |                 | Calumet County |                        |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|
|                                       | # of Smokers | Percent Smokers | # of Smokers   | <b>Percent Smokers</b> |
| Total Number of Smokers               | 1,005,000    |                 | 6,810          |                        |
| Adult (18+) <sup>1,2</sup>            | 920,000      | 22%             | 6,330          | $20\%^{\ddagger}$      |
| High School Youth <sup>3,4</sup>      | 66,000       | 21%             | 380            | 21%                    |
| Middle School Youth <sup>3,4</sup>    | 19,000       | 8%              | 100            | 8%                     |
| Smoking During Pregnancy <sup>5</sup> | 10,000       | 14%             | 70             | 10%                    |

**Deaths Directly Related to Smoking** 

|  | Wisconsin                |                   | Calumet County           |                   |                               |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cause of Death <sup>6,7</sup>              | Average<br>Annual Deaths | Due to<br>Smoking | Average<br>Annual Deaths | Due to<br>Smoking | % Due to Smoking <sup>†</sup> |
| Lung Cancer                                | 2,760                    | 2,208             | 13                       | 11                | 83%                           |
| Other Smoking-Related Cancers              | 2,066                    | 719               | 12                       | 3                 | 26%                           |
| Cardiovascular Disease                     | 16,412                   | 2,342             | 82                       | 10                | 12%                           |
| Respiratory Disease                        | 3,416                    | 1,946             | 16                       | 10                | 64%                           |
| Other Causes (not associated with smoking) | 21,619                   | 0                 | 127                      | 0                 | 0%                            |
| All Causes                                 | 46,273*                  | <b>7,215</b> *    | 250 <sup>*</sup>         | <b>34</b> *       | 14%                           |

### Years of Potential Life Lost

| Cause of death <sup>6</sup> | Wisconsin    | Calumet County |  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| Smoking-Related Cancers     | 43,000 years | 200 years      |  |
| Cardiovascular Disease      | 32,000 years | 130 years      |  |
| Respiratory Disease         | 21,000 years | 100 years      |  |
| All Causes                  | 96,000 years | 430 years*     |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup> Due to small sample sizes the following counties were grouped to establish prevalence estimates: Calumet and Outagamie.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> May not appear to be exact due to using decimals in the calculations. <sup>\*</sup> Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Note: Adult prevalence estimates from BRFSS, 2000-04; Youth estimates based on state level YTS, 2004; Maternal smoking estimates from WISH, 2004.

Note: Wisconsin and County Deaths Directly Related to Smoking and Years of Potential Life Lost are based on 2000-2004 mortality data.

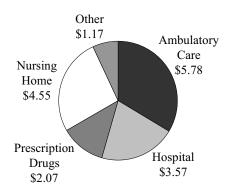
Note: See technical notes for a detailed description of the data sources and methodologies used to construct this report.

**Economic Impact of Cigarette Smoking in Wisconsin and Calumet County** 

|                                   | Wisconsin       | Calumet County |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--|
| Health Care Costs <sup>6,11</sup> | \$2,160,000,000 | \$17,140,000   |  |
| Lost Productivity <sup>6</sup>    | \$1,640,000,000 | \$13,020,000   |  |
| <b>Total Costs</b>                | \$3,800,000,000 | \$30,160,000   |  |

### Smoking Attributable Health Care Costs in Calumet County, 2003<sup>6,11</sup>

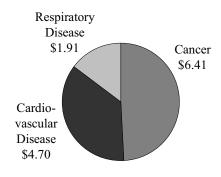
(In millions of dollars)



#### Total: \$17.1 Million<sup>\*</sup>

## Cost of Productivity Lost Due to Smoking in Calumet County, 2001<sup>6</sup>

(In millions of dollars)



Total: \$13.0 Million\*

- In Wisconsin, an estimated 7,215 people die annually from illnesses directly related to smoking and approximately 853 die from illnesses and fires indirectly related to smoking, for a total of 8,068 annual deaths. 6-10
- Secondhand smoke is estimated to cause about 61 lung cancer deaths, 771 deaths from ischemic heart disease, and 9 infant deaths from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in Wisconsin annually. Household fires in Wisconsin caused by cigarettes kill an estimated 12 people annually. 8-10
- In Calumet County, approximately 34 die annually of illnesses directly related to smoking. 6,7
- Each year, approximately 14% of all deaths in Calumet County are directly attributable to smoking. Cigarette smoking causes 83% of all lung cancer deaths and 12% of all deaths from cardiovascular disease in Calumet County.
- In Wisconsin, approximately 96,000 years were lost from the potential lifespan of those who died of smoking-related illnesses in 2004. In Calumet County, about 430 years are lost annually from the effects of smoking.
- In 2003, an estimated \$2.2 billion in health care costs were paid in Wisconsin as a result of diseases caused by smoking, with \$17.1 million paid in Calumet County. <sup>6,11</sup>
- Wisconsin lost \$1.6 billion, including \$13.0 million in Calumet County, in productivity costs because of illness and premature death directly associated with smoking in 2001. 6
- In 2003, estimated health care costs of cigarette smoking were approximately \$390 for every man, woman and child in Calumet County. <sup>6,11</sup>
- In 2004, there were over 384 million packs of cigarettes sold in Wisconsin. Residents of Calumet County spent approximately \$9.9 million on 2,600,000 packs of cigarettes in 2004. 12